

RANCHO PERDIDO ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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It is a pleasure to announce that, thanks to the work of several of your neighbors, we now have a neighborhood association, the "Rancho Perdido Estates Neighborhood Association" (RPENA).

What is a neighborhood association?

Let's begin with what it is NOT: It is NOT a homeowner association. It does NOT exercise any neighborhood control of the type that many of us may associate with homeowner associations (dues, telling homeowners to clean up their property, paint their house or whatever). It has NO enforcement powers whatsoever; it will NOT cost you any money; it will NOT change the way you maintain your home and property.

The City of Tucson has a "Department of Neighborhood Resources" (DNR) devoted to working with citizens who have banded together in volunteer neighborhood associations on matters like crime prevention, health and safety (which could include things like garbage pickup or street repairs), and other City services. (You can find out more about the DNR by visiting their Web site at: www.ci.tucson.az.us/dnr/) It is within that context that RPENA exists, along with dozens of other neighborhood associations around town.

Why do we need one here?

You might take the position that we do not, and certainly some would agree with you. Others among your neighbors, however, feel that there are topics (both present and potential) that we as a neighborhood of 54 homes can get City action and assistance on by speaking collectively. For example, some longtime residents of Rancho Perdido already experienced working together when the Pantano/Wrightstown interchange was installed and to reduce density when the communities to the immediate north of us were being developed. A neighborhood association can make that kind of cooperative action easier.

When, and by whom, was RPENA started?

Some of your neighbors got together about six months ago. A meeting was held at Anna Thorne's home on Camino Perdido; about 25 people attended. Subsequent to that Mrs. Thorne and others pursued the matter and drafted a set of bylaws that were approved by the DNR. On 3 February 2005 a second meeting was held, this time at Eastside City Hall, where the draft bylaws were approved with minor changes by the 21 people in attendance. (See attachment.) At that meeting a slate of officers was also elected. Both of these meetings were announced via mailings to all 54 homes in our neighborhood; it is regrettable that some residents may nevertheless not have been aware of one or both meetings.

OK, RPENA exists. Now what?

An immediate concern expressed at the February 3, 2005 meeting was the need for a neighborhood cleanup. Also, many of us would like to get to know our neighbors by name and we're thinking about organizing a social afternoon before it gets too hot. You may have other concerns that the City will help us with, if only they know about them. For that reason we invite you to MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our next meeting, to be held:

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

Thanks, and best regards,

Jerry Ervin, President; Sunny Jordan, Vice President; Dan Gaul, Secretary-Treasurer

RANCHO PERDIDO ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**Minutes of the February 3, 2005 Meeting****Recorder of the Minutes: Virginia Migliazza****7:00 P.M. at the East Side City Hall**

Present: Charles & Margueritte Arentzen, Jerry & Bette Ervin, Dan Gaul, Joanie Handgis, Larry Hume, Sunny & Olivia Jordan, Joan Manson, Virginia Migliazza, Valentine Novak, David Pear, Sally Sears, Anna Thorne, Lamont Webb, Terry Wetmore, Marty & Jean Wobe, Bob & Jackie Wortman.

Anna Thorne presided over the meeting.

I. Governance

- A discussion on why we should establish a neighborhood association.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the By-Laws as presented in the Draft. 6 votes Yes and 10 votes No, the motion did not carry.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in Article II. Section A. to read: "*The purpose of this Association shall be to represent the residents of the Rancho Perdido Estates neighborhood.*" All in favor.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in Article V. Section C. to read: "*A written notice will be given at least seven-days in advance of the any Association meeting. Such notice may be either mailed or hand delivered.*" All in favor.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in Article V. Section D. to read: "*A special meeting of the Association may be requested by twenty-five percent of the membership.*" All in favor.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in Article V. Section E. to read: "*Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such times and places as may be fixed from time to time either by the President or by resolution of the Board of Directors.*" All in favor.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in Article V. Section F. to read: "*A minimum of ten Voting Members plus one Officer present will constitute a quorum at all Association meetings.*" All in favor.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised By-Laws. All in favor.

II. Election of Board of Directors

- The following will be the Board of Directors for the 2005-2006 year: Jerry Ervin, Dan Gaul, Joanie Handgis and Sunny Jordan.
- Officers for the Rancho Perdido Estates Neighborhood Association will be as follows: Jerry Ervin, President; Sunny Jordan, Vice President; Joanie Handgis, Secretary/Treasurer; Dan Gaul, Member-at Large.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting Joanie Handgis indicated she would be unable to serve on the Board due to personal reasons. Dan Gaul agreed to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

RANCHO PERDIDO ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**BYLAWS (approved February 3, 2005)****ARTICLE I. NAME and BOUNDARIES**

A. The NAME shall be **RANCHO PERDIDO ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (RPENA)**.

B. The BOUNDARIES shall be defined by: Camino Montaraz to the North; Camino Perdido to the South; Pantano to the East; Avenida Empalme to the West.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Association shall be to represent the residents of the Rancho Perdido Estates neighborhood.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Open to any resident within the BOUNDARIES as defined in Article I.

B. A Voting Member shall be a household with the BOUNDARIES. Each household shall be entitled to only one vote at membership meetings.

C. Memberships shall not be denied on the basis of views or opinions contrary to the goals and purposes of the RPENA.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

A. The voting members of the RPENA shall elect a Board of Directors, who will then appoint Officers. The Officers of the RPENA must be members and shall hold office for a term of one year or until successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the Board meeting held immediately after the Annual Meeting of Membership. The officers shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. In the event an Officer fails to fulfill the duties of the position, then the Board may vote to replace that person.

B. The President shall call and preside at all meetings, shall act for and on behalf of the membership of the RPENA, shall appoint any special committees necessary for the

operation of the RPENA business and shall act as the official spokesperson of the RPENA.

C. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, assume all the duties of that office and shall be responsible for publicity and notification of meetings of the RPENA.

D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall transcribe the minutes of all meetings, keep a permanent record of all legal documents, transactions and minutes submitting a copy of these minutes, when approved by the Board, to the Department of Neighborhood Resources as required, keep all financial receipts and a permanent record of all financial business of the RPENA, report the financial status at each meeting and be responsible for membership. Financial records and funds of the association shall be audited at least once a year by a committee of at least two Voting members appointed by the President prior to the new Treasurer taking office.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS and QUORUM

A. An annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the month of April, of the calendar year, at a time and place designated by the President, for the purpose of nominating the Board of Directors.

B. Nomination of the Board of Directors shall be made from the floor and their election will take place at the Board meeting held immediately after the annual meeting. Officers will be appointed at this Board meeting.

C. A written notice will be given at least seven days in advance of any Association meeting. Such notice may be either mailed or hand delivered.

D. A special meeting of the Association may be requested by twenty-five percent of the membership.

E. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such times and places as may be fixed from time to time either by the President or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

F. A minimum of ten Voting Members plus one Officer present will constitute a quorum at all Association meetings.

G. All meetings shall be open to any interested person.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

Amendments to these BYLAWS may be proposed at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority and be approved at the next duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE VII. GENERAL

A. The rules in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern RPENA, the Board of Directors and all committees in all cases to which they apply and do not conflict with the specific provisions of these BYLAWS or any special rules that the RPENA may adopt.

B. If any part of these BYLAWS or the application thereof is hereafter held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and only affected portions are declared eliminated.

C. No Officer, representative, spokesperson or member shall have any financial responsibility for the RPENA.

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